

**Retiree Health Insurance**

In July 2009, the State amended Government Code Section 69926 to exempt the trial courts from paying Retiree Health Insurance benefits for Sheriff's deputies assigned to the courts, thereby arbitrarily shifting those costs to the Sheriff's Department. Those added costs are approximately \$4.5 million annually. The Chief Executive Office has allocated the necessary funds to offset those costs to the Sheriff's Department in the current fiscal year. However, the fact remains that this is another unfunded mandate by the State until and unless this portion of the Government Code is rescinded.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Officer to send a 5-signature letter to the County's Legislative Delegation in Sacramento to proactively work with the State Legislature to rescind the portion of Government Code Section 69926 which exempts the trial courts from paying Retiree Health Insurance benefits for Sheriff's deputies assigned to the courts.

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